

## House Resolution No.195

**Whereas**, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hanks, cherished residents of Willow Springs, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on January 31, 2002; and

**Whereas**, it was on January 31, 1942, that Alva Hanks took the hand of his beautiful bride, Martha Christine Murray, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend John Swoffar in the First Baptist Church parsonage at Mammoth Spring, Arkansas; and

**Whereas**, since that happy day, Alva and Martha Hanks have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

**Whereas**, proud and loving parents, Alva and Martha Hanks have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their four wonderful children, Galen, Mary, Kary, and Rick; and

**Whereas**, Alva and Martha Hanks have relied heavily upon the Lord's guidance throughout their sixty years together and have continually turned to Him for the strength that has seen them through times of both sorrow and great joy; and

**Whereas**, Alva and Martha Hanks often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their sixty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their seventh decade of wedded success and happiness:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Alva and Martha Hanks upon the glorious celebration of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hanks, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Chuck Purgason  
District No. 151

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 195, adopted February 6, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker